

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-36. (canceled)

37. (currently amended) A metal overhead sectional garage door comprising:

(a) a top edge;

(b) a bottom edge;

(c) a plurality of pivotally connected horizontal door sections that each include a continuous sheet metal face panel; and

(d) a plurality of narrow vertical groove[s] integrally formed in each of the sheet metal face panels, wherein the grooves in the panels that align with each other to form a narrow vertical recess that substantially continuously extends between the top edge and the bottom edge of the door when the door is in a closed position;

(e) wherein the narrow vertical recess simulates a narrow vertical interstice between a left garage door portion having the simulated appearance of a left upright door panel, and a right garage door portion having the simulated appearance of a right upright door panel; and

(f) wherein the door includes no separate overlays attached to one or more exterior surfaces of the sheet metal face panels.

38. (previously presented) A metal overhead sectional garage door according to claim 37 and further comprising a plurality of integrally formed relief patterns in the sheet metal face panels, wherein at least some of the relief patterns define a plurality of simulated rails, stiles and mullions.

39. (previously presented) An improved metal overhead sectional garage door according to claim 38 wherein at least some of the relief patterns define at least one simulated crossbuck frame member that extends between at least some of the simulated rails, stiles and mullions.

40. (currently amended) A metal overhead sectional garage door comprising:

(a) a plurality of pivotally connected horizontal door sections, each door section comprising a continuous sheet metal face panel; and

(b) a plurality of embossed patterns integrally formed in at least a portion of the sheet metal face panels;

(c) wherein at least a portion of the embossed patterns define at least one simulated wooden crossbuck frame member; and

(d) wherein the door includes no separate overlays attached to one or more exterior surfaces of the sheet metal face panels.

41. (previously presented) A metal overhead sectional garage door according to claim 40 wherein the sheet metal face panels each include at least one integrally formed vertical groove, wherein the vertical grooves vertically align with each other when the door is in a closed position, and combine to simulate a vertical interstice between abutting upright door sections.

42. (previously presented) A metal overhead sectional garage door according to claim 40 wherein at least some of the embossed patterns define a plurality of simulated rails, stiles and mullions.

43. (currently amended) An overhead garage door consisting essentially of three rectangular garage door sections, the sections being pivotally connected together one above the other, at least two of the door sections each including at least one thin-walled integral face panel and one or more rectangular patterns embossed in the face panel, wherein each of the rectangular embossed patterns in the face panels is taller than it is wide, wherein the door includes no separate overlays attached to one or more exterior surfaces of the thin-walled integral face panels, and the embossed patterns cooperate to provide the garage door with the simulated appearance of at least two separate, cooperating swinging doors when the garage door is in a closed position.

44. (currently amended) An overhead garage door comprising:

(a) a substantially rectangular upper section, the upper section including an integral thin-walled upper face panel having an upper front face, an upper edge, a lower edge, and side

edges, the upper front face comprising a first integrally-formed substantially vertical groove substantially extending between the upper and lower edges;

(b) a substantially rectangular lower section, the lower section including an integral thin-walled lower face panel having a lower front face, a top edge, a lower edge, and side edges, the lower front face comprising a second integrally-formed substantially vertical groove substantially extending between the top and bottom edges;

(c) at least one connector pivotally connecting the bottom edge of the upper section to the top edge of the lower section, the upper and lower front faces being substantially coplanar when the garage door is in a closed position;

(d) wherein the first and second substantially vertical grooves are substantially collinear when the garage door is in the closed position, thereby substantially simulating the appearance of a vertical separation between left and right portions of the upper and lower sections, and wherein opposed portions of the upper and lower sections on either side of the first and second substantially vertical grooves are bilaterally symmetric with each other; and

(e) wherein the door includes no separate overlays attached to one or more exterior surfaces of the integral thin-walled face panels.

45. (currently amended) An overhead garage door comprising an embossed pattern in a thin-walled face panel, the embossed pattern comprising an integrally-formed panel portion, the panel portion having a substantially planar portion including a plurality of spaced, parallel vertical grooves, the substantially planar portion thereby substantially simulating the appearance of a non-metal panel formed by a plurality of assembled tongue-and-groove planks, and wherein the panel portion is substantially rectangular in shape and includes a height and a width, the height being greater than the width, and wherein the door includes no separate overlays attached to one or more exterior surfaces of the thin-walled face panel.

46. (currently amended) An overhead sectional garage door having the appearance of at least two cooperating swinging doors having rail and stile constructions, the garage door consisting essentially of three rectangular door sections, the sections being pivotally connected together one above the other, each of the two lowermost door sections comprising:

(a) a continuous sheet metal skin including a front wall, a top wall, and a bottom wall, the front wall and top wall intersecting at an angle to form an upper corner, and the front

wall and bottom wall intersecting at an angle to form a lower corner, wherein the upper and lower corners extend along the full width of the door section, and ~~are characterized by the intersection of not more than two intersecting surface portions of the sheet metal skin wherein a first elongated portion of the front wall that is immediately adjacent to the upper corner and extends along the full width of the door section is substantially flat and includes no substantial raised or recessed portions immediately adjacent to the upper corner, and wherein a second elongated portion of the front wall that is immediately adjacent to the lower corner and extends along the full width of the door section is substantially flat and includes no substantial raised or recessed portions immediately adjacent to the lower corner; and~~

- (b) a pair of spaced rectangular embossed patterns in the front wall that are separated by a simulated vertical frame member, wherein the simulated vertical frame members of each of the lowermost rectangular garage door sections are positioned such that they vertically align with each other when the garage door is in a closed position such that the two simulated vertical frame members have the appearance of a single substantially continuous vertical frame member spanning the two lowermost door sections;
- (c) wherein the door includes no separate overlays attached to one or more exterior surfaces of the front walls.

47. (new) An overhead garage door comprising:

(a) not more than three rectangular sheet metal door sections, the door sections being pivotally connected together one above the other, and each door section comprising an integral sheet metal outer face; and

(b) a plurality of stamped relief patterns integrally formed in the sheet metal faces of the door sections and comprising:

(i) a substantially continuous vertical groove that linearly extends across the three door sections between a bottom edge of the door and a top edge of the door; and

(ii) two sets of substantially coplanar elongated vertical raised portions, the raised portions having substantially equal widths, each set combining to substantially continuously and vertically extend across the three door sections between the bottom edge of the door and the top edge of the door when the door is closed, and each set of substantially coplanar vertical raised portions being positioned along a respective opposed edge of the vertical groove;

(c) wherein the door includes no separate overlays attached to one or more exterior surfaces of the sheet metal faces of the door sections.

48. (new) An overhead garage door according to claim 47, wherein the plurality of stamped relief patterns further includes:

(a) a first non-vertical and non-horizontal elongated raised portion having a first width on a first one of the door sections;

(b) a second non-vertical and non-horizontal elongated raised portion on a second one of the door sections that is adjacent to the first one of the door sections, and having a second width that is substantially equal to the first width;

(c) wherein the first and second non-vertical elongated raised portions substantially align with each other when the garage door is closed at a substantially equal angle relative to vertical.

49. (new) An overhead garage door according to claim 47, wherein the plurality of stamped relief patterns further comprises:

(a) a first horizontal elongated raised portion having a first width and extending along an upper edge of a first one of the door sections; and

(b) a second horizontal elongated raised portion extending along a lower edge of a second one of the door sections, the lower edge being adjacent to the upper edge of the first one of the door sections, and having a second width that is substantially equal to the first width;

(c) wherein the first and second horizontal elongated raised portions are substantially coplanar and are positioned adjacent to each other when the garage door is closed.